MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is not under contemplation?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Neither the question nor the answer is relevant. (*Laughter*). Future intentions or contemplations cannot be made the subject of such questions.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have you placed any orders for machinery of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: We have got down some machinery from the surplus stock from the Government of India.

P. W. D. Scheduled rate for a cooly.

16. ❋ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the P. W. D. Scheduled rate for a cooly in 1120 and 1121; and

(*b*) the rate of wages given to a cooly engaged for the work done by the department direct?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Re. 0-22-0 in the A tract.

Re. 0-26-0 in the B tract.

Rs. 1-4-0 in the C tract.

(*b*) The above rates are allowed.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the places comprised in tract C mentioned in the answer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is mentioned in the maps. These tracts were fixed long ago.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the revision proposed by the Public Works Advisory Committee has been accepted by the Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is being done.

MR. J. T. MORAIS (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether it will be possible to recruit coolies at 20 to 22 chuckrams?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENATAKRISHNAN: Not individual coolies.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: What is the rate for the aerodrome coolies?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: From Re. 1 to Re. 1 Ch. 7.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the work will be completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It involves a lot of work.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that the work will be expedited?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is the intention.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: The works are being held up in the mofussil owing to the fact that inadequate rates are paid to those coolies.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is not so.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that the new rates will be in force from the commencement of the next year?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: We hope so. The schedule is being revised.

National Highways.

17. ✻ MR. J. T. MORAIS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the survey of the Travancore portion of the National Highways has been completed; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place on the table a plan of the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The survey has not been completed.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know when the survey is expected to be finished?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In about four months.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know whether the inspection of the plan as far as Trivandrum is concerned could be allowed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir, when it is ready.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: When did you begin the survey?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About a year ago.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: How many miles have been finished in the District of Trivandrum hitherto?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 170 miles have been done.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: How long will it take to reach Ernakulam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: We started from Ernakulam and we have got down to Trivandrum.

Road from General Hospital to Beach.

18. ✻ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to widen the road from General Hospital to the beach; and

(*b*) whether several accidents have recently taken place on this road due to the reckless driving of lorries conveying earth for constructing the Aerodrome?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Three accidents have occurred, but they were not entirely due to reckless driving.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: In connection with answer (a), may I know whether the work has commenced?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir.

Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers.

19. ✻ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Executive Engineers and Assistant Engineers who have been in their stations for more than three years?

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